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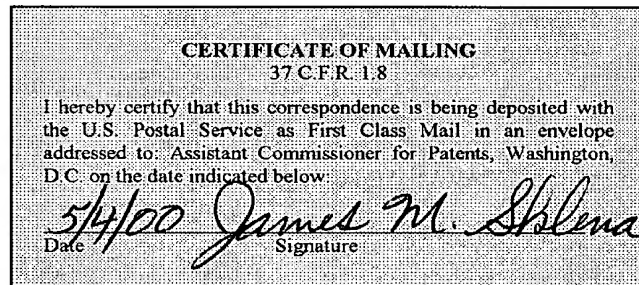
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Request is hereby made for continued examination for the above-referenced application to permit submission of an Information Disclosure Statement (enclosed). Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$690.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for this request for continued examination. Should this check be missing or correct, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Order No. 47171-00139USC1.

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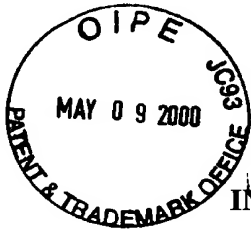
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the reference(s) listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed references are enclosed.

With respect to German patent document 2935668, *Sellner et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 4,288,781 (previously cited - copy enclosed for convenience) indicates that it is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 960,156, filed November 13, 1978, which is indicated as the priority document on the face of the German patent document, and therefore U.S. Patent No. 4,288,781 should provide a translation of German Patent No. 2935668. Also, GB 2,038,063 also has similar drawings to German Patent No. 2935668. German patent document 2659929 was cited by an opposer in a European patent proceeding, and Applicants

have not been provided with a translation; however, U.S. Patent No. 4,096,991 (previously cited - copy enclosed for convenience) includes FIGS. 11-15 which appear to be identical to FIGS. 1-5 (all of the drawings) of German patent No. 2659929, and therefore may contain an English language equivalent of at least the text of the German patent relating to the drawings.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information disclosed is, or is considered to be, prior art with respect to the present application or material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56.

The present Information Disclosure statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Accordingly, no fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be deemed necessary (except payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any over payment to Jenkins & Gilchrist Account No. 10-0447/47171-00139USC1.

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